

Greek and Latin Prefixes and Suffixes

Some Greek and Latin Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Prefix	Meaning	Prefix	Meaning
a-	not, without	em-	inside	micr-, micro-	small
ab-	away from	en-	in	mono-	one
abd-	led away	end-, endo-	within	morpho-	form, shape
acro-	end, tip	epi-	at, on, over	muc-, muco-	slime
adip-	fat	equi-	equal	multi-	many
aer-, aero-	air	erythro-	red	myo-	muscle
agg-	to clump	ex-, exo-	away, out	nas-	nose
agro-	land	flag-	whip	necro-	corpse
alb-	white	gamet-, gamo-	marriage, united	neo-	new
allo-	other	gastr-, gastro-	stomach	neur-, neuro-	nerve
ameb-	change	geo-	earth	noct-	night
amphi-	around, both	glyc-	sweet	odont-, odonto-	tooth
amyl-	starch	halo-	salt	oligo-	few
an-	without	haplo-	single	oo-	egg
ana-	up	hem-, hema-, hemato-	blood	orni-	bird
andro-	man	hemi-	half	oss-, osseo-, osteo-	bone
ant-, anti-	opposite	hepat-, hepa-	liver	ovi-	egg
anth-	flower	hetero-	different	pale-, paleo-	ancient
archae-, archaeo-	ancient	histo-	web	patho-	disease
archi-	primitive	holo-	whole	peri-	around
astr-, astro-	star	homeo-	same	petro-	rock
aut-, auto-	self	hydro-	water	phag-, phago-	eat
baro-	weight (pressure)	hyper-	above	pharmaco-	drug
bi-	twice	hypo-	below	phono-	sound
bio-	life	infra-	under	photo-	light
blast-, blasto-	sprout (budding)	inter-	between	pneum-	air
carcin-	cancer	intra-	inside of, within	pod-	foot
cardio-, cardia-	heart	intro-	inward	poly-	many
chlor-, chloro-	green	iso-	equal	pseud-, pseudo-	false
chrom-, chromo-	colour	lact-, lacti-, lacto-	milk	pyr-, pyro-	fire
co-	with	leuc-, leuco-	white	radio-	ray
cosmo-	order, world	lip-, lipo-	fat	ren-	kidney
cut-	skin	lymph-, lympho-	clear water	rhizo-	root
cyan-	blue	lys-, lyso-	break up	sacchar-, saccharo-	sugar
cyt-, cyto-	cell	macro-	large	sapr-, sapro-	rotten
dendr-, dendri-, dendro-	tree	mamm-	breast	soma-	body
dent-, denti-	tooth	meg-, mega-	great	spermato-	seed
derm-	skin	melan-	black	sporo-	seed
di-	two	meningo-	membrane	squam-	scale
dors-	back	mes-, meso-	middle	sub-	beneath
ec-, ecto-	outside	meta-	after, transition	super-, supra-	above

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sym-, syn-	with, together	ultra-	beyond	xanth-, xantho-	yellow
telo-	end	uro-	tail, urine	xer-, xero-	dry
therm-, thermo-	temperature, heat	vas-, vaso-	vessel	xyl-	wood
tox-	poison	vita-	life	zoo-	animal
trans-	across	vitro-	glass	zygo-	yoke
trich-	hair	vivi-	alive		

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Suffix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning	Suffix	Meaning
-aceous	like	-lysis	loosening	-phyll	leaf
-blast	budding	-lyt	dissolvable	-phyte	plant
-cide	kill	-mere	share	-pod	foot
-crin	secrete	-metry	measure	-sis	a condition
-cut	skin	-nesia	memory	-some	body
-cyte	cell	-oid	like	-stas, -stasis	halt
-emia	blood	-ol	alcohol	-stat	to stand, stabilize
-gen	born, agent	-ole	oil	-tone, -tonic	strength
-genesis	formation	-oma	tumour	-troph	nourishment
-graph, -graphy	to write	-osis	a condition	-ty	state of
-gynous	woman	-pathy	suffering	-vorous	eat
-itis	inflammation	-ped	foot	-yl	wood
-logy	the study of	-phage	eat	-zyme	ferment

Some English Terms Formed from Greek and Latin Prefixes and Suffixes

Term	Meaning	Term	Meaning
amnesia	without memory	mucogenesis	slime formation
autotroph	self nourisher	neurosis	nerve (nervous) condition
biology	life study	osteocyte	bone cell
carcinogen	cancer agent	pseudopod	false foot
hypertonic	above strength	saprophage	rotten eater (eats rotten matter)
hypotonic	below strength	thermostat	temperature stabilizer